

JOHN W. BROWN.

JANUARY 19, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LONGWORTH, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 6091.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6091) granting an increase of pension to John W. Brown, have considered the same and respectfully report as follows:

John W. Brown, of Steeleville, Ill., was a private in Company A, Second Regiment Illinois Volunteers, and served from June 20, 1846, to June 18, 1847, in the war with Mexico, and for this service he is receiving the pension of \$12 per month allowed by law to survivors of the Mexican war, upon proof of dependence and total inability to earn a support by manual labor.

The testimony accompanying the bill shows that claimant is 77 years old, and that by reason of his age and paralysis of the left side, which has obliged him to use crutches for twenty-seven years, he is totally disabled for earning a support by manual labor. It is further shown that he has no means of support aside from his pension, and that he is dependent upon the care and labor of an unmarried daughter. The facts are fully shown by the affidavit of Dr. Thomas Robertson and other reputable citizens of Steeleville, Ill.

In view of the facts above stated your committee recommend the passage of the bill when amended as follows:

In line 6 change "Company C" to "Company A"; in line 7 change "Mexican war" to "war with Mexico."

In line 8 strike out "fifty" and insert "twenty."

In line 7, after the word "Illinois," insert "Volunteer."

In line 6 strike out "a member."